

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—They will appear.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—If they will appear, we have a right to question.

President.—A ruling was already given.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is it the ruling that these will not be taken as answered?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—If the Member happens to be absent when his name is called out by the Secretary, the question standing in his name in the printed list of questions placed on the table is not considered to have been formally put by that Member in the Council. So, other Members are not permitted to put supplementary questions. That is the ruling already given by the President. Since the printed answer is already here before the Council it will surely find a place in the Council proceedings even if the Member is absent.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—My point of order is whether these answers that are put down here—by the Secretary calling the names of the Members—whether these will appear in the printed proceedings of the Council if the Member is absent.

President.—According to the present practice they will appear. The matter has also been referred to some of the other Councils.

Improvement of road from Moongilmada to Kunnammattupathy anicut.

459. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) was there not an allotment in 1907 budget for the improvement of the road from the Moongilmada road to Kunnammattupathy anicut;

(2) did not the Chief Engineer say on behalf of the Government that that road will be taken up this year even though no allotment is made this year;

(3) how far has the work progressed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The Chief Engineer does not remember to have made such a promise.

(3) The estimate for the work has been completed. The work has not been taken up for want of funds. If it becomes possible to find funds by transfer the work will be taken up this year.

Payment of cost of Co-operative Account books and registers.

460. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) (1) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies owes any liability to the Government, firms or individuals on account of cost of Co-operative account books and registers; (2)

if so, would the Government be pleased to give a list of such liabilities and the period during which each of such debts has been so outstanding;

(b) (i) whether or not a register of Demand Collection and Balance was maintained by the Registrar in his office; (2) and, if so, why and how did he collect the amounts due to the Co-operative Central Bank;

(c) whether the aforesaid D. C. B. Register is available for inspection by the Government; if not, when was the register destroyed;

(d) (i) whether the Registrar has received any reference from the aforesaid Bank requesting him to refund the amounts collected by him, (2) if so, how many such references were received and the date of each reference;

(e) whether the Registrar has replied to these references; if so, when and the nature of replies he gave?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (1) No.

(2) No answer is necessary.

(b) (i) Yes.

(2) When the stock was transferred to the Central Bank a few items of dues to be cleared by the department were left over for payment by the Registrar himself from the amounts due from societies while the rest were assigned to the bank for collection. Long after this arrangement, one of the societies sent some amount to the Registrar who accepted it under a mistaken impression and utilised it for clearing the outside dues. In the case of another society it was a wrong credit by the bank. Some amounts had to be collected from a third society and utilised for clearing a pressing claim which the bank refused to settle.

(c) Yes. One volume. The others are being traced out.

(d) (i) Yes.

(2) As the Registrar's Office files were destroyed long ago it is not possible to furnish the information.

(e) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (d) above.

Article headed the 'Co-operative Movement in Cochin, etc.'

461. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform,—

(a) are the records in the Cochin Central Co-operative Bank, Ltd., available for inspection by the Government;

(b) (1) whether the attention of the Government has been invited at any time to the articles published in issue of the Malabar Herald of 20th February 1932 under the heading 'The